

#### REMARKS

Claims 1-30 are pending. By this Supplemental Amendment, Applicants correct an inadvertent error in claim 7, as well as add new claims 28-30. No new matter is being entered.

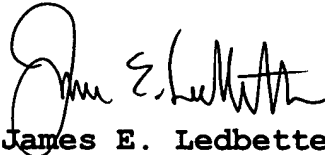
New claim 28 corresponds to previous claim 27. However, as the Examiner indicated in the Office Action of April 1, 2004, claim 27 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the features of the claims from which it depends, Applicants have taken this opportunity to rewrite claim 27 (as presented by the Amendment of January 5, 2004) as new claim 28.

Finally, the Office Action of April 1, 2004 identified subject matter which is neither taught nor fairly suggested by the cited references. Thus, new claims 29 and 30 recite this subject matter.

In light of the foregoing, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and a notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

If any issues remain which may be best resolved through a telephone communication, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at the local Washington, D.C. telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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